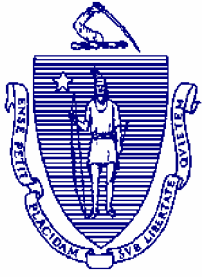


Executive Office of Public Safety Newsletter, September 2005



The Executive Office of Public Safety (EOPS) is committed to keeping the people of Massachusetts informed about critical homeland security, emergency management, personal safety, and criminal justice issues. The EOPS newsletter is published monthly for the purpose of sharing current information on events, publications, and funding opportunities among public safety professionals.

Funding Opportunities

Operation Weed & Seed

Application Deadline: September 15, 2005

“The Office of Justice Program’s Community Capacity Development Office (CCDO) announced availability of FY 2005 funds for Operation Weed and Seed. Operation Weed and Seed is strategy that aims to prevent, control, and reduce violent crime, drug abuse, and gang activity in designated high-crime neighborhoods across the country.”

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ccdo/docs/2005WSCompetitiveSol.pdf>

Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Funding for Replacement of Zylon® Vests U.S. Department of Justice

Application Deadline: September 22, 2005

“Pursuant to the FY 2005 Department of Justice Appropriations Act, \$23.6 million was made available for the purchase of vests through the annual BVP Program application process. To better meet the vest replacement needs of America’s law enforcement agencies this year Attorney General Alberto Gonzales will make an additional \$10 million available immediately. This additional funding will be available through a special BVP solicitation that opened on August 24, 2005 and will close on September 22, 2005.”

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/fundopps.htm>

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Intervention Research to Improve Youth-Serving Organizations

Deadline for Letters of Inquiry October 17, 2005,

“The William T. Grant Foundation has issued a request for proposals (RFP) to support intervention research on how to improve youth-serving organizations, such as schools and community-based organizations, and enhance research capacity focused on organizations that promote youth development.

The Foundation anticipates supporting a small group of projects with award amounts ranging from \$250,000 to \$1,500,000 for the duration of the project (including direct and indirect costs). We are interested specifically in setting-level experiments and quasi-experiments, including newly initiated studies and existing studies seeking support for setting-level assessment and analysis.”

For more information: http://www.wtgrantfoundation.org/info-url_nocat3042/info-url_nocat_show.htm?doc_id=287117&attrib_id=11707

Drug Abuse Prevention Intervention Research

Application Deadline: October 1, 2005

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) is accepting applications for research on interventions to prevent the initiation of drug use, the progression of abuse, and the transmission of drug-related HIV infection. This research involves the use of rigorous scientific methods to test theoretically derived hypotheses to advance our understanding of drug abuse prevention within diverse populations and settings.

For more information: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-05-118.html>

Research and Publications

Identifying the Missing: Model State Legislation

National Institute of Justice

The U.S. Department of Justice has recently developed model State legislation that makes recommendations on how states can improve the way that missing persons and human remains information is collected, analyzed, and shared. These recommendations were created through collaboration with Federal, State and local law enforcement personnel, experts, victim advocates, forensic scientists, and key policymakers. States are encouraged to adapt the model State legislation to meet their needs. Model legislation, case studies, field assessments and support materials are provided.

Access full text at: <http://www.dna.gov/>

Juvenile Arrests 2003

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

This 12-page bulletin published by The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) in August, 2005 presents an analysis and summary of national and state juvenile arrest data from the FBI report "Crime in the United States 2003."

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/ojjdp/209735.pdf>

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Bureau of Justice Statistics

This report presents a discussion of the firearm check procedures in each state and each state's interaction with the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS), operated by the FBI. A summary of State procedures, including persons prohibited from purchasing firearms, restoration of rights of purchase to prohibited persons, permits, prohibited firearms, waiting periods, fees, and appeals is also provided.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/ssprfsm04.htm>

Investigating Child Fatalities: Portable Guides to Investigating Child Abuse

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

In August, 2005, OJJDP published this guide to provide practical information for law enforcement officers in investigating child fatalities. A child fatality includes a death in which investigators believe abuse or neglect caused or contributed to the fatal injury. This guide explains the differences between child fatalities and other types of homicide cases and includes detailed guidelines for conducting the investigation, documenting the case, interrogating suspects, and testifying in court.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/ojjdp/209764.pdf>

Suicide and Homicide in State Prisons and Local Jails

Bureau of Justice Statistics

Data from the Bureau of Justice Statistics's (BJS) Death in Custody Reporting Program offers the first opportunity to analyze inmate deaths in local jails. This August, 2005 report compares current prison and jail mortality rates by demographic characteristics, offense types, and facility size and jurisdiction. Mortality rates of the general population are also compared with mortality rates in correctional facilities.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/shsplj.htm>

Third Status Report to the Attorney General on Body Armor Safety Initiative Testing and Activities

National Institute of Justice

On November 17, 2003, Attorney General John Ashcroft announced a Department of Justice (DOJ) initiative to address the reliability of body armor used by law enforcement personnel and to examine the future of bullet-resistant technology and testing. In response, the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) reviewed the process by which bullet proof vests are currently certified. NIJ also examined both new and used Zylon[®]-based bullet-resistant vests. In August, 2005, NIJ released a third status report to the Attorney General, issued a Body Armor Standard Advisory Notice, and introduced the NIJ 2005 Interim Requirements for Bullet-Resistant Body Armor based on their research.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/new.htm#pubs>

Highlights of the 2002–2003 National Youth Gang Surveys

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention presents a summary from the National Youth Gang Surveys for 2002 and 2003, including data on the number of gangs, gang members, and gang related homicides in urban, suburban, and rural areas.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org/publications/PubAbstract.asp?pubi=232184>

Violent Behavior by Girls Reporting Violent Victimization: A Prospective Study
Archives of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine

Arrest rates and self reports of both male and female teenagers are analyzed to assess the relationships between individual victimization and neighborhood-level violence on subsequent violent perpetration.
Access full text at: <http://archpedi.ama-assn.org/cgi/reprint/159/8/731.pdf>

Conferences and Trainings

Persistently Safe Schools 2005

September 11-14, 2005 in Philadelphia, PA

The Hamilton Fish Institute is holding their annual conference to focus on what can be done to prevent the disruptive effects of school violence. Factors that contribute to youth violence in schools and new strategies to help reduce school violence will be discussed.

For further information: <http://www.hamfish.org/conference/2005/>

International Association of Crime Analyst's 2005 Training Conference

September 21-24, 2005 in Arlington, VA

The International Association of Crime Analysts (IACA) 2005 Training Conference will cover topics such as analytical charting, temporal analysis, mapping investigative strategies, crime analysis in a mobile data environment, information sharing, and spatial statistics. This year's conference will feature four concurrent tracks: hands-on computer labs, problem analysis, tactical analysis and specialty topics.

For further information: <http://www.iaca.net/Conference2005.asp>

112th Annual Conference of the International Association of Chiefs of Police

September 24-28, 2005 in Miami, FL

The International Association of Chiefs of Police is the world's oldest and largest nonprofit membership organization of police executives, with over 19,000 members in over 100 different countries. IACP members and their guests will examine the state of the police industry through seminars, forums and technical workshops.

For further information: <http://www.theiacpconference.org/>

ALL STARS Core Facilitator & Teacher Training

September 27-28, 2005 in Worcester, MA

ALL STARS is a curriculum designed to prevent alcohol, tobacco and other drug use, and violence and premature sexual activity among middle school youth. The curriculum focuses on five strategies that research says will decrease an adolescent's chance of becoming involved in these behaviors. The ALL STARS curriculum is designed to be delivered in school classrooms and community-based settings.

For further information: <http://www.westernmasshealthycommunities.org/pages/what/All%20Stars%20Information%20Flier%20905.htm>

New England Region Training Conference & National Child Care and Development Conference: Sparking a Renaissance: Making Children a National Priority

September 28-30, 2005 in Providence, RI

This Child Welfare League of America (CWLA) conference will focus on the following themes: advocacy/messaging, best practice and effective program models, leveraging resources, and leadership/management. The goal of CWLA is that each child and youth be afforded safety, permanency, well-being, and opportunities for optimal development.

For further information: <http://www.cwla.org/conferences/conferences.htm>

Evidence Based Programs: Successful Implementation and Lessons Learned

September 29-October 1, 2005 in Williamsburg, VA

This 2005 South/Northeast Regional Training Conference presented by the Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ) will provide information on various aspects of Evidence Based Programs (EBPs) in juvenile justice. Topics include: funding, requirements, and the implementation of EBPs in the areas of prevention, intervention and youth development.

For further information: http://www.juvjustice.org/conferences/index_conference.html

2005 National Conference on Preventing Crime: Power of Prevention

October 8-11, 2005 in Washington, DC

The goal of this conference, presented by the National Crime Prevention Counsel (NCPC), is to renew commitments to prevention as a priority in reducing future crime. The conference will be useful for law enforcement, crime prevention practitioners, community based leaders, military personnel, policymakers, youth leaders, and youth organization staff.

For further information: <http://www.ncpc.org/ncpc/ncpc/?pg=5882-7518-16798>

11th Joint Conference on Juvenile Services: Representing America's Youth: Building Partnerships to Prioritize Goals & Maximize Resources

October 16-19, 2005 in Richmond, VA

This conference, presented by the National Partnership for Juvenile Services (NPJS), will bring together leadership and direct care professionals from juvenile services and other human service professions. Participants will have the opportunity to network and share effective and innovative program service approaches being implemented within the juvenile justice system throughout the country.

For further information: <http://www.npjs.org/Documents/11thjoint.pdf>

16th Annual Problem-Oriented Policing Conference

October 21-23, 2005 in Charlotte, NC

The Problem-Oriented Policing Conference, sponsored by the Center for Problem-Oriented Policing, features presentations by police practitioners from up to 12 of the best submissions for the Herman Goldstein award for Excellence in Problem-Oriented Policing. The conference will also feature panels and presentations on: vehicle crime reduction, the impact of street closures on drug markets, problems in rental housing, gas theft, residential speeding, crime analysis tools, the role of community development in crime reduction, situational crime prevention and terrorism, and homicide.

For further information: <http://www.popcenter.org/about-conference.htm>

Juvenile Justice Management Institute: Leadership and Management of Organizations

Oct. 23-28, 2005 in Reno, NV

This conference, presented by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, is designed to improve the management of juvenile justice agencies. Participants will learn how to make more informed managerial and supervisory decisions helping juvenile courts run more effectively.

For further information: <http://www.ncjfcj.org/content/view/322/315/>

Developing Effective School Drug Policies and Examining the Issues of Student Drug Testing Sponsored by the Regional Centers for Healthy Communities

October 25, 2005 in Worcester, MA

The Northeast Center for Healthy Communities (NCHC) is offering a training on developing effective school drug policies that will cover issues such as the confiscation of drugs, prevention efforts, legal matters related to liability and adverse publicity, and improving effectiveness of policies.

For further information: <http://www.nc4hc.org/trainings.htm>

Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) and Justice Research and Statistics Association's (JRSA) 2005 National Conference

October 27-28, 2005 in St Petersburg, FL

BJS/JRSA invites all policy makers, program/project managers, researchers and analysts to discuss "Crime and Statistics in the 21st Century: Using Data and Technology to Improve Justice". Conference sessions will cover topics such as victimization, criminal history records, domestic and sexual violence, performance measures, NIBRS, juvenile justice and violence, and data sharing. For early conference rates register by September 23, 2005.

For further information: <http://www.jrsa.org/events/conference/index.html>

Disproportionate Minority Contact Reduction: What Works & How You Can Implement It

EOPS is in the process of planning a disproportionate minority contact (DMC) conference for May 2006 and is looking for ideas as we develop the conference agenda. DMC, which refers to the overrepresentation of minority youth in the juvenile justice system, exists in Massachusetts and across the nation. The purpose of this conference is to help local government and non-governmental agencies that serve youth to implement programs, policies, and initiatives that help to reduce (DMC). What do you need to know in order to reduce DMC in your community? How can we make this conference useful for your community coalition, youth-serving agency, local law enforcement department, etc? Please contact Elizabeth Spinney, 617-725-3367, Elizabeth.Spinney@state.ma.us with your comments, advice and suggestions.

In The News

September is National Youth Court Month

National Youth Court Month is sponsored by the National Highway Safety Administration and the Office of Juvenile Delinquency Prevention. National Youth Court Month celebrates and recognizes the positive influences that youth courts have on our nation's youth, families, and communities. Use the web site to access information on events, publications, trainings, youth court evaluations and national statistics.

For more information: <http://www.youthcourt.net/>

High Incarceration Rate Likely To Stay

Crime and Justice News, August 9, 2005

According to Criminologist Franklin Zimring of the University of California at Berkeley, the nation's high imprisonment rate is likely to continue even as the number of executions is declining. At the World Congress of Criminology, Zimring said that current imprisonment rates "will persist" at least at 75 percent of the current total "as far as the eye can see". Americans are spending \$60 billion annually on the prison and jail system to keep more than 2 million people behind bars in the United States.

Access full text at: <http://cjj.mn-8.net/>

Specialists Fault Mass Transit Security

Boston Globe, August 11, 2005

According to a Boston Globe article, transportation security specialists say that mass transit systems in the United States are “scarcely more secure than they were before the Sept. 11 attacks and require at least 10 times the current federal funding to protect against future terrorism”. If public transportation (buses, subways, and trains) is to become any safer, the federal government will need to set priorities and decide which agency will fund and oversee them.

Access full text at: http://www.boston.com/news/nation/washington/articles/2005/08/11/specialists_fault_mass_transit_security/

Pedal Power Driving Out Crime, Boston Police Say

Boston Globe, August 19, 2005

According to a Boston Globe article, the Police Department's bike patrol has seized guns, and made more than 50 arrests and interrogated more than 100 suspects in the past two months (along with officers who join them occasionally on foot, motorcycles, and horseback). There are 15 officers assigned to the Police Department's bike patrol whose work has been focused in Roxbury, Mattapan, and Dorchester. The unit has started patrolling in Charlestown because of increasing tension between rival drug gangs. The bike patrol has helped police zero in on hot spots because they can “easily zip in under the cover of darkness and surprise individuals breaking the law”.

Access full text at: http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2005/08/19/pedal_power_driving_out_crime_boston_police_say/

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